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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.56

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b). Applicants do not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a *prima facie* art reference against the claims of the present application.

TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

The relevance of the foreign-language documents is described as follows:

Patentschrift NR. 164466 discloses a pivoting primary display panel having a side bracket for hanging a plurality of numerically-indexed secondary display panels adjacent to a back portion of the primary display panel.

Patentschrift NR. 232680 discloses a vertically oriented bracket for pivotally mounting a plurality of vertically-oriented panels that may be equipped with hangers for storing and displaying objects suspended from the hangers.

Auslegeschrift 1,561,580 discloses a plurality of vertical poles, each pole having an upper bracket and a lower bracket for receiving one or more display panels, each of the display panels are suspended between two adjacent poles.

The remaining documents are in the English language.

For U.S. Patent Application Nos. 09/182,998, 09/571,521, 09/183,023, 09/645,023, 09/183,021, 09/650,210, 09/260,474 and European Patent Application No. 99250383.9, the application specification including the claims and drawings are identical. A copy of the application specification including the claims and drawings for U.S. Patent Application No. 09/182,998 has been provided.

For U.S. Patent Application Nos. 09/669,913, 09/182,999 and 09/182,997, the application specification including the claims and drawings are identical. A copy of the application specification including the claims and drawings for U.S. Patent Application No. 09/669,913 has been provided.

Applicants respectfully request that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609.

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